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MALES IN MOVIES - P. 5

PERFORMER TAKES TOWN TO COURT

by Tom Hurley

The Cape Cod town of West Harwich shut down Karl Houston's show, "All That Glitters Is Not Girls" and the club where it was playing. Now Houston is taking the town to federal court while the club is asking for a new license.

The female impersonation show, scheduled to run from June 14 to Sept. 2, was closed abruptly on Aug. 9 at 4:30 p.m. by local police who charged that the West Harwich Cinema Lounge was not operating under the terms of its liquor and entertainment licenses. Authority for the closing came from the town's three-person Board of Selectmen.

The Board revoked the liquor license because the license had the wrong name on it. The club had been known as the Sitzmark II, But the license has since been corrected, leaving only the entertainment permit in question.

The entertainment license permitted rock music, dancing, and vocalists. Board Chairman Donn. B. Griffin, according to the *Cape Cod Standard Times,* said that these categories did not cover Houston's show.

The Cinema Lounge's attorney, Edward Veara, quoted Griffin as also saying, "We don't want any fags in Harwich." The club's clientele is predominantly straight.

Now Houston and his attorney Richard Rubino are preparing to take the Town of Harwich to federal court. They will charge the Harwich Board with denying Houston and his performers their constitutional rights and due process. "They've messed with the wrong old lady," Houston said. Meanwhile, Cinema Lounge assistant manager Edward Fusco applied on Aug. 15 to the board for the second time to have his entertainment license renewed. The board has denied his first application. Now Fusco is asking for a license permitting dance bands, rock, and dancing for the purpose of entertainment. The board has not yet made a comment on the application.

Houston told GCN that the Harwich police chief had received neither written nor oral complaints about his act. In fact, Houston went on, Chief John Ramao "has been very nice to us" because the show helped clean up the club, previously known for incidents of violence. The chief and other members of the force had attended the show along with many other area residents. Local reviews were very favorable, the show was packed every night. Houston said people in the community were very angry when they found the show had been closed. "I must have personally answered around 1000 calls after the closing," said

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Assault Revealed

by Staff

BOSTON – While cruising the Block last April 11, Brian Harrison was near fatally wounded. Harrison was motivated to discuss this information due to the recent upsurge in violence on the gay community. GCN was contacted in hopes of warning other gay people.

Harrison was picked up on the Block shortly after 1 a.m. by a 23 year old, white male with shoulder length hair, neatly dressed, light complexion, 150 lbs., 5'9" to 5'10" and driving a 1968 white Cadillac. The two drove to a back street and had sex. Harrison was then driven back to the Block.

A short while later the man returned, this time accompanied by a young woman. The driver jumped out of the car, grabbed Harrison and began pushing him towards the car, calling him names and hitting him. Harrison was forced into the car

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INVESTIGATION . . . Mobilization Against Violence

by John Kyper

Recently GCN warned the gay community of a gang of four youths responsible for several beatings this summer. The four have been driving a 1959 vintage, white two door Nash Metropolitan sedan. They have assaulted gays on the Esplanade, on Beacon Hill and in Dorchester. In addition, they have been implicated in attacks going back over a year—including several unsolved murders.

Members of this gang have also been spotted around the Greyhound and The Block, as well as around the bars. Recently they were seen in a red hard top car of unknown make. Randy Gibson has twice thrown them out of the Charles Street Meetinghouse, but they have appeared there repeatedly, presumably to case future victims.

The four are extremely handsome—but vicious. They frequently use tire irons against their prey. Once they even attacked their victims at an Esplanade concert, and no one stopped them. Their reputed leader was identified by the surviving victim of last summer's "Arboretum murder" and arrested, then released because the police claimed a lack of evidence. (In mid-July two men were picked up at The Other Side by six other men and taken to the Arnold Arboretum, where they were clubbed and stabbed and dropped into a sewer.) Two gay murders last winter—the stabbing of a Charlestown man and the torching of a South Boston youth—bear strong circumstantial evidence to members of the gang.

Also last winter, they picked up an older gay man who was cruising,and crippled him by running their car over his legs. He was prepared to turn state's evidence against the gang, until one of its members visited him at his hospital bed and threatened to expose him in court or kill him. Fearing for his professional job and reputation, and for his life, he decided to remain silent.

The reluctance of gay victims to give evidence against their assailants is understandable. The threat of police harassment for being gay and of retaliation is usually enough to shut up victims—and to allow such criminals to operate with impunity. Thus the stereotype of the "pansy homosexual" is reinforced and becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Local activists have been angered by repeated instances of police indifference and hostility hampering official investigations. Randy Gibson, a spokesperson for the ad hoc group, declared that "people in the community are concerned about the continuing violence and want it stopped." The group is planning to meet with the police to discuss the problem.

A related project of the group is to document as many incidents of anti-gay violence as it can. Victims and witnesses are urgently requested to contact Randy at the Meetinghouse, 523-0368. You do not have to give your name. Get descriptions of assailants and their cars. *Get the license.*

In addition to the above mentioned cars, be on the lookout for a white Rambler Ambassador, being used by members of another, possibly related, gang. Both gangs are comprised of youths in their late teens and early twenties. The ad hoc group needs as much information as possible, to learn who our enemies are and to discover their patterns of operation.

Above all else, exercise extreme caution. Don't assume that the violence can't happen to you! Too many people already have made that mistake.

An incident two weeks ago in the Fenway may have symbolized a turning point in the gay community's relationship to its predators: A group of six men were attacked near the Victory Gardens. Instead of fleeing (as is usually the case), the six grabbed available garden tools and beat off their assailants, forcing *them* to flee. Perhaps it is a story we will be hearing more of in the future.

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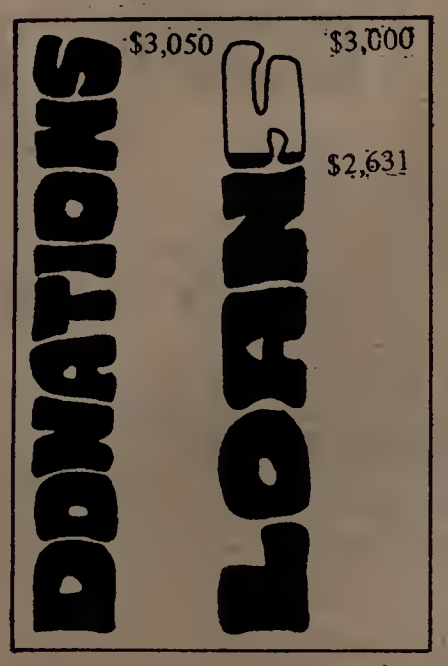

Talking Politics

by David P. Brill

The "Gay Guide" to the Sept. 10 primary [last week's GCN] should allay any doubts that gay voters may have. In the race for Governor, there is obviously not one reason why anyone should vote for Governor Sargent in the Republican Primary on the basis of his stand regarding gay rights, since he has taken no stand. I'll concede that his positions on other issues are civilized enough to warrant a vote for him over Quinn (anyone over Quinn!!), but the only proper course of action that concerned gay voters can follow is to support Mike Dukakis in the primary.

The Attorney General's is more interesting. Since you cannot choose from both parties in a primary election, the selection of Democratic candidates is limited. You'll note that the ADA here actually endorsed Republican candidate William Cowin. The leading Democratic contender, though, is Frank Bellotti, and we need him like we need Quinn. The best choice would be to pick Harrington first, In this contest, the Republican candidate may be a better selection, and you can wait until November 5 to vote for him.

For Lieutenant Governor, the contest is between Boston City Councillor Chris Ianella and Cambridge State Rep. Tom O'Neill. Although the endorsements and positions of each candidate appear to balance off, Ianella did not get the Mass. Caucus endorsement because it was felt that a younger person would make a stronger candidate. (O'Neill is 29.) It's regrettable that the only woman candidate, Eva Hester, has not replied to any questionnaires. Miss Hester (she insists on the Miss) is a staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

For Secretary of State, it's Guzzi, pure and simple

An East Boston newspaper reporter asked new Boston Police Department Superintendent Joseph Jordan about gay people and the police last week. Jordan's reply: "Lifestyles have changed, and you can't just look at someone anymore and call him a criminal. We've come to be more aware of the students." (I wonder if he'll come to the State House next year to testify in favor of repealing the "unnatural acts" laws.)

Somerville City Alderman Vincent LoPresti, who is a candidate for Governor's Council in the District that includes much of Cambridge, Somerville, Boston, and surrounding areas, is running on a "more women judges" platform. He is the brother of State Senator Mike LoPresti. He points out that there are over 1,000 women lawyers in Massachusetts, but only 11 women judges. Wrong thing about him, though, is that the Governor's Council is the most useless, frivolous anachronism in state government, and is due to be eliminated within a couple of years.

Brill's Take-a-Chance Dept.: There are two Senate races in Massachusetts in which both of the major candidates have supported gay rights legislation. In the Newton-Brookline Senate race, I am of the opinion that Senator Jack Backman would be a better selection. He would be more than just a "yes" vote—he would be a fighter, on a number of issues, and he probably will sponsor some of our legislation next year.

In the South End/Roxbury (this includes parts of Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and Mattapan) contest, Rep. Royal Bolling and Rep. Bill Owens are battling it out. Bolling is the senior member of the Black Caucus, and he, too, will probably be cosponsoring some of our bills next year. He deserves a promotion.

There has been some criticism of this column—quite justifiably, I might add—that there has been no attention given to gay political activities in other New England states. Well, frankly, I didn't know there were any. Readers outside of Massachusetts are urged to write in, to inform everyone in the Cranberry State of your own political activities.

A final reminder to all armchair critics and Red Barons: If you're not registered to vote, or if you're not out working hard for the candidates that you support/support you, then I'd have to say that you deserve what you get after the elections on Sept. 10.

And if you still don't see any difference in "what you may get" with certain candidates, let me quote from a conversation I had last week with a member of Atty. General Quinn's staff:

"How can you possibly argue that the law can tell two consenting adults what to do in bed?"

"Consenting adults, huh? Well, you know it takes a couple of consenting adults to trade for heroin or plan a murder. Just because the two people doing it don't see any harm done doesn't mean that there isn't any!"

ASSAULT REVEALED

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and driven to the Greyhound bus terminal where the woman was let out. The man then turned on Harrison and demanded he give him his money and threatened his life.

The assailant then drove to his home in holding Harrison by the collar. At the house the two were admitted by another woman. The woman was told to watch Harrison while the assailant left the room. He returned several minutes later with a .22 caliber gun.

Harrison was repeatedly asked for his money and kept replying he had none. The man grew imatient and beat Harrison across the head with the gun and forced him out of the house and back to the car.

As they reached the passenger side, another car approached and Harrison stalled for time, hoping to get away, but the car passed by. Harrison broke and ran towards a neighboring house, screaming. . He managed to get to the side door and banged and yelled for help. Harrison's assailant chased after him. The woman in the house refused to open the door but later called the police. Harrison was then shot in the chest and the bullet lodged precariously near the heart.

Harrison withheld information during the initial police investigation out of fear of further assaults and his family finding out he was gay. However, two weeks after he was released from a month's treatment in the hospital, he contacted the police to give all the details of the incident.

PRISON ACCEPTS GCN

by Staff

This week, the *Gay Community News* received notice from the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., that the publication had been found "acceptable for inmate residents" at the institution. It is the first prison to officially respond to the question of gay papers being sent to prisoners.

In this case, the problems encountered in the approval for the specific subscription, seemed to be more those of inquiring through proper channels and complying with red tape standards. Once the proper procedures were followed, the paper received approval in a relatively short period of time.

Originally, an inmate at the prison wrote for a subscription and GCN sent it out as with any subscription. However, when the papers started being returned, Marion Tholander, Circulation Manager, wrote to the prison asking why this was happening. The director at that time, P.J. Ciccone, responded that the inmate had to submit a request for prior approval of the newspaper or magazine they wanted and that this had not been done. He, also, added a request for a copy of GCN for review in order to evaluate its contents in relation to the prisoner receiving it.

Ms. Tholander complied with the request and sent several issues of GCN to the prison officials. Ten days later she received a letter stating that the paper had been found acceptable and that any inmate could, with the proper authorization forms, subscribe to GCN.

SHOW CLOSED

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Houston. All calls but one were favorable.

When asked, then, who was behind his show's closing, Houston replied, "Three Selectmen and the Baptist Church." The Rev. Hector M. Castro of the West Harwich Baptist Church told the *Standard Times* that he had not complained himself but had recommended that his parishioners speak to the Selectmen. The Selectmen listened to the church members, said Houston, "but they didn't hear the others who liked the act."

Houston is bitter not only about losing his own job but also abou the other ten people and the 25 or so club employees who are also out of work. The mid-summer closing means that it would be very difficult for his performers to get other jobs. He is also bitter because in the fifteen years he's been performing, Houston has always been careful to invite local authorities to the show and to observe the regulations they set up. This is the first problem he's had. "I'll go along with the local authorities," Houston explained, "but these people gave me no hearing." The Selectmen did not attend the show.

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Gays Unite to Fight ABC

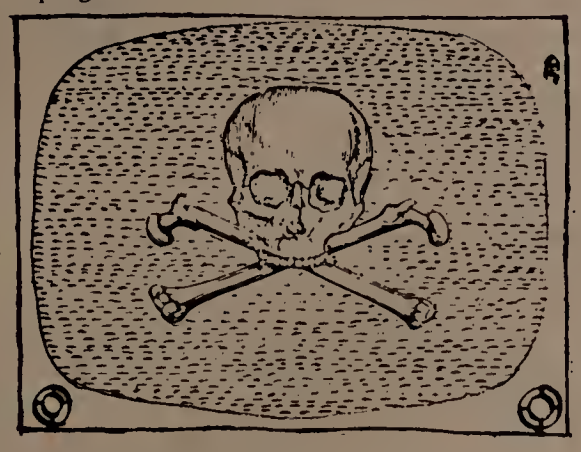
by Loretta Lotman

Gay organizations from around the country have joined in the growing protest of ABC television network over a proposed segment of the "Marcus Welby, M.D." program. Since being contacted by Gay Media Action in Boston, efforts in several cities have been coordinated to have the strongest possible effect in the protest.

The action is in response to a proposed Welby program, "The Outrage," in which a 14 year old boy is sexually assaulted by his male science teacher. The script has been deemed detrimental to the gay civil rights movement by Gay Media Action, National Gay Task Force and other gay organizations.

Mark Segal of the Gay Raiders, Philadelphia, said that people in his area have been engaged in letter writing, phone calling and other action. His group is currently planning a zap against the local ABC affiliate, should negotiations with the station break down. Geri Delno of Philadelphia's Gay Media Project has also been working on the local ABC affiliate to block the program and is reportedly in touch with other Pennsylvania organizations.

In New York, the Gay Activists Alliance is working with contacts inside ABC New York to create an effective, dramatic protest. Morty Manfred of GAA has talked with executives at ABC, but was not able to convince the network to cancel the program.



Peter Piser of the Maine Gay Task Force has meetings scheduled with the general managers of the two ABC affiliates in his state. Blocking the program on the station in Bangor, Me., is particularly important, as the station is used on a cable TV hookup to over 500,000 homes in Canada.

Other reports of action have reached Gay Media Action from Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and western Massachusetts.

Locally, Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action attended a presss luncheon given by WCVB, the local ABC affiliate. Upon entering the room and identifying herself as "TV writer for the *Gay Community News,* Ms. Lotman was immediately introduced to both the president and general manager of WCVB. In a lengthy discussion, General Manager Robert Bennett assured Ms. Lotman that he had been in contact with the network about the Welby problem and would bring it up in person the following week during a business trip to New York. However, he did not promise that the program would be blacked-out in Boston.

ABC has agreed to screen the program for the National Association of Broadcasters and network executives when it is completed. However, when approached by various gay organizations to be incouded in the preview, ABC refused to allow members to watch. The network has also refused to allow any further meetings between gay representatives and ABC executives.

According to Gay Media Action, the next step in the protest is to contact advertisers of the Welby program and inform them that a national gay boycott of their products will be staged if they advertise on "The Outrage." There is also the possibility of setting up a national gay media advisory board to review scripts and serve as consultants on network programs in the future.

FURCOLO CANDIDATE

Mark Furcolo, 35, of Cambridge, has announced his candidacy for the office of State Treasurer. He will oppose incumbent Robert Q. Crane in the Democratic primary on Sept. 10.

Although the office of State Treasurer is not one generally considered to be of high importance to the gay community, a candidate for the office in California recently announced that he would use the power of his office to help gay people. GCN discussed the issue with Furcolo.

"If elected Treasurer, I would seek statements, signed from the presidents of any bank that holds state funds, swearing that their banks do not discriminate in employment policies or in lending practices on the basis of sexual preference," Furcolor replied. He noted that in this way, the State Treasurer could force some of the largest employers in the state to comply with proposed legislation barring discrimination against homosexuals.

Crane has been under fire recently from Mass. Action and other citizen-groups for accepting campaign contributions from directors of banks which have state funds on deposit, and for having private business ventures with certain bankers. He is endorsed by AFL-CIO, and has refused to be interviewed by GCN.

ECUMENICAL CHOIR

As part of its fall program, of expansion, MCC Boston is seeking to develop an ecumenical choir.

This choir would; (1) sing at least twice a month at services at MCC Boston, (2) seek to provide a wide diversity in styles of music, and feature both solo singers and choral work, (3) attempt to perform one good choral concert for the gay community during the 1974-75 season, (4) attempt (if the development of the choir is sufficient) to visit and sing at the morning worship services of other churches in Boston as a consciousness-raising effort and an ecumenical gesture of cooperation.

All persons who enjoy singing are invited to participate. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Interested persons need not be "trained" singers, as rehearsals will be intensive, but regular attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory.

MCC World Fellowship

Gay Christians from all over the world met in San Francisco, Aug. 6-11 for the 5th annual General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Ministers, lay delegates and observers from 84 churches, missions and study groups (including the new Worcester group) representing seven countries: U.S., Canada, Belgium, Denmark, England, Australia and Nigeria, came together for intensive worships, commission meetings and a two day business session. Observers from other major denominations and the press also attended.

Among the many items of business were: A state of the church paper by the elders stating that MCC is growing fast and is short on funds. This 5th conference voted in a $51,400 budget for the fellowship for 1974-1975. This new budget includes support of a National Prison Ministry. MCC has published a handbook for ministry to gays in prison and offers correspondence courses to gays in prison. A national MCC Prison Chaplain, Rev. Bud Bunce, will be touring the country, visiting prisoners.

The budget also supports the Board of Evangelism and World Missions; MCC is being careful to avoid sending American missionaries abroad—the policy is to help churches in other countries develop an indigenous ministry.

The Women's Commission is strong in MCC. Two more women were ordained and many new women were licensed as ministers. Carol Cureton of St. Louis, Mo., was elected District Coordinator of the Mid-Central United States. The conference voted to develop standard, non-sexist liturgies and a non-sexist hymnal for the entire fellowship by next year.

Rev. Jose Mohia made a dramatic plea for understanding and cooperation with non-English speaking gays, to which the Fellowship intends to respond.

MCC is governed by the General Conference, which elects seven Elders to govern in between annual meetings. Each Elder has a three year term. Rev. Elder Freda Smith, Sacramento, and Rev. Elder John Hose, Tampa, were both re-elected. Rev. Elder Ploen of Los Angeles resigned, so there was a new opening. Among the nominees for this position was Boston's Rev. Nancy Wilson who chose to decline. The Rev. Roy Birchard, New York, was elected by the Conference and is the first Elder from the Northeast.

There were some major differences from last year's conference in Atlanta, Ga. No longer is the UFMCC dominated by the West Coast, where it originated. The East Coast churches are strong and the Mid-West, where it was thought there could never be an MCC, is growing fast. In addition, MCC is going international and third world.

There is a tremendous diversity in backgrounds and theological viewpoints among the ministers and delegates. In response to that there was much preaching about unity. The question for MCC in the next few years is, can it pull off its ecumenical experiment and will it become strong enough to respond to the gays from scores of countries who have written asking for help.

Another change is that MCC is beginning to see itself as not only a part of the gay liberation movement but as a significant new chapter in the history of the Christian Church. This sense of history dominated the Conference and contributed to the sense of excitement, particularly at the final service celebrated at California Hall in San Francisco with 2,000 people in attendance.

There was only one threatening incident during the Conference. Friday night, Rev. Troy Perry informed the Conference of a bomb scare. The bomb was to go off at 8 p.m.; it was three minutes to 8:00. While the police stood across the street waiting, the 700 people remained in their seats and went on with their service.

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REACT!!

why so...

You can't please all of the people all of the time, so the old saying goes, no matter how you try to or want to do it. Our policy at GCN is to try to cover *all* of the gay community and we sometimes slip. Often, having no writers from the particular facet of the community, we overlook the issue or philosophy—this is not to excuse the action, simply to explain it as an act of omission rather than refusal. There are various political and philosophical beliefs held by the members of the staff of GCN, and we try to express them all, but we do appreciate the letters that readers write to us to raise our consciousness, to show us parts of the community which we heretofore have unintentionally not covered.

However, because of the desire to serve all of the community in its vast spectrum of beliefs and political incentives, and, also, due to the wide variance of opinion on the staff, GCN will not monetarily or verbally, *as the paper itself,* support *any* political movement outside of the gay liberation struggle. (This, of course, does not exclude personal support by individuals on the staff as they may desire.) We feel the responsibility to cover, in the paper and its various parts, all the areas of *our* community and anyone related to it, but we do not say which is good or bad for the community, only that it exists. Equally, we cannot support a movement outside of gay liberation, because we do not presume to speak *for* the whole community—we speak *about* the whole community. This is, of course, also due to the present space limitations, but more to the point, that we *do not want* to appear biased towards any section of the population, be it gay or straight. Any activities by political groups or movements other than the gay community, which are important *to* the gay liberation movement in some way—be it an action of support, or an action against—we will, of course, try to cover, as we continue to try to accomplish our main goal—to keep the gay community well informed.

REACTIONS:

why so?

Dear GCN:

The enclosed amount of $13.29 is a gift from the North Cambridge Food Co-op to Gay Community News. Each week we choose a different group or organization and ask the co-op members to give a donation to that group. Although the amount is not very large, especially during the Summer months, it is our way of expressing solidarity with organizations which foster social change.

As gay members of the North Cambridge Food Co-op we naturally express our solidarity with the Gay Liberation movement and with the work that GCN has done. But, we regret the lack of solidarity, or even awareness, that GCN has shown in the past and continues to show towards alternative movements not directly related to gay liberation.

By its complete lack of leftist perspective we feel that GCN has angered a large segment of gay people who are involved in alternative or leftist movements. For many of us GCN has no more relevance to our lives than the *Advocate.* In addition to not speaking to many gay people, GCN does little to further the political education of its readers.

We hope that in the future GCN will use its potential to educate its readers about the interrelatedness of all types of oppression.

In Love,
Gay Members of the N.C.F.C.

[Ed. Note: Thanks for your support and your criticisms; please see the above editorial.]

doctor, no

[The following is an open letter to Mr. James Duffy, President of the ABC Television Network.]

Dear Mr. Duffy,

I am writing to protest your network's decision to produce a "Marcus Welby" episode featuring the rape of a fourteen year old boy by his male high school teacher. In a recent issue of *Gay Community News,* I read of ABC's frank indifference to the implication of this program. Thus I have no choice but to write to you.

As a longtime gay liberationist who has been working for the summer as a councilor in a day camp, I am personally insulted by the program. It panders to popular superstition in exploiting the worst stereotype of homosexuals as child molesters. (In fact, criminologists tell us that the vast majority of child molesters are heterosexual.) I feel most strongly about this matter because I was once denied a job on account of my homosexuality, and told I was "not suitable to work with young people." Several close friends are public school teachers who could lose their jobs through the hysteria and bigotry which this episode perpetuates.

I must honestly wonder whether someone thought he could improve the show's ratings by playing upon the memories of last summer's discovery of the murder of the 28 boys in Houston. Like the media's irresponsible exploitation of that "homosexual mass murderer" Dean Corll, this episode of "Marcus Welby" is an example of guilt by association that harms innocent people.

John Kyper

[Ed. Note: Letters and calls are needed to convince the powers at ABC to dispense with the episode entitled "The Outrage." Names and addresses to write to are: James Duffy, Network President; Anthony J. Thomopulos, Vice President in charge of Network Programming; Richard L. Beeseemeyer, Affiliate Relations – all at ABC-TV Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019. Phone number is (212) 581-7777. Do it today!]

standards time

To the editors

Having followed GCN's remarkably laudatory development for over a year, I now believe it is time that members of the community offer constructive criticism. No longer can I accept the premise

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Males in Today's Movies: "Odd" Man Out!

by John C. Mitzel

As Robert Warshow, the famous film critic, has written: "The two most successful creations of American movies are the gangster and the Westerner: men with guns."

Today these "creations" are established on screens across this land as the predominant and sought-after symbols of masculinity; there is little or no challenge from other male stars in the cinema.

It's an old saw in film circles these days to note that women are increasingly absent from the screen—unless, apparently, an actress is prepared to fellate Harry Reams. The enormous spectrum of female characacters that once existed in the totality of the film's population has dwindled to a point where today's woman is introduced for only one purpose: to have her ravished by the male whom the film celebrates. It's my contention that a similar process has been occurring to the screen's males in the last few years, and that all males who do not fit the model of two-fisted, gun-slinging gangster, who have talents for things other than destruction, are finding fewer and fewer roles being written for them. We're being offered a filmic steady diet of nothing but insensitive automotons.

We all know that the great lovers of the screen's past—Fairbanks & Pickford, Gable & Lombard, Bogart & Bacall—have today been replaced with the Great Same-Sex Buddies: Newman & Redford, P. Fonda & D. Hopper, Brando & Brando, Eastwood & Bridges, Voight & Hoffman, etc. Formal heterosexual courtship has been dislodged as the item that'll sell tickets. The current offering is a covert erotic—though tacitly ignored—involvement between Macho Men of adolescent aspirations, relationships characterized by a repressed homosexuality of the "Come back to the raft, Huck honey" school.

Not only are there scant few film parts available to women who don't fall into the micrometer Ali McGraw-Georgina Spelvin spectrum, there are fewer and fewer parts for men who don't match up with the Clint Eastwood-Richard Roundtree brand of one-dimensional masculinity. If you're not a Butchie Macho Violence-lover, "don't call us . . ."

What this current trend has done is all but eliminate what had been familiar and classic types of males from the viewer's pantheon. For example, gone are:

- –the tender sensitivity and effeteness of a Fred Astaire
- –the beautifully sexy reticence and uncertainty of Monty Clift
- –the fiesty underdog vulnerability of Mickey Rooney and Peter Lorre
- –the bitch on wheels like Oscar Levant
- –the heartfelt, dapper romantics like Paul Henreid, Leslie Howard, Ronald Coleman, and in a way, Dick Powell
- –the worldly manners and gentlemanly cynicism of Charles Boyer and George Sanders

In its heyday Hollywood had, as Parker Tyler was the first to suggest, a panoply of stars, each representing a different accent and interpretation of sex and gender. A Groucho Marx was just as popular as Gable; Marie Dressler could find parts as easily as could Harlow. A studio's stable of stars tried to be well-rounded in representing all types of men and women. Films were not obsessed with promoting and celebrating one type over any other, as are today's products.

Multiplicity in the interpretation and presentation of sexuality and gender behavior was characteristic of film roles during the Hollywood contract player economic structure through the late 1940s. Due to

economic changes, legal decisions, and a switch in popular tastes, this system had been irreparably fragmented by the late 1960s. Consequently, there emerged numerous "independent" film producers, all making similar films, all competing for the same market. Hence we were subjected to a predominance of one type of film product which promoted, to excess, one interpretation of male behavior: its dark, ugly, anti-social, illegal, uncivilized violent side. In this week's *Variety*, for example, I see that eleven of the top 25 grossing films in the USA are of the buddy-buddy criminal and/or blood-and-gore violent machismo type.

I think it's interesting to note that the "debut" of leading "female impersonators" (J. Curtis, H. Woodlawn, C. Darling) into the mainstream of American cinema was simultaneous with the unchallenged ascendence of the buddy-buddy team, who, in this exegesis, emerge as the embodiment of America's wish for "male impersonation." Men caricature both sexes: *Women In Revolt* meet *Midnight Cowboy* and *Easy Rider*. It's all distorted play acting.

- –the Has-No-Worries Father-Figure and All Around Understanding Guy like Bing Crosby and Walter Pidgeon
- –the tormented Little Guy who is a Victim but who'd really like to stay within the law if he had the chance like John Garfield
- Big Sissies like Tom Ewell, Jack Benny, Edward Everett Horton, and Jerry Lewis
- –the exotic sexy, slightly effeminate Lady's man of foreign origin like Valentino, Jean-Pierro Aumont, Adolph Menjou, Omar Sharif
- –the casually affected ineffectualness of Van Johnson or Ronnie Reagan

I think if Tony Perkins were starting his film career today, he'd have to wait a long, long time until an acceptable role came along. Today's men are all thick-chested, technically minded, competent, and they have an aloof, icy manner—in crime, in pleasure, in "love"—which could even make an old-fashioned zombie like Broderick Crawford look romantic. I think the Kennedy mythos and the James Bond fad had a lot to do with this. (Ian Fleming was JFK's favorite pop writer.)

"Sheik" Rudolph Valentino

Perhaps it is because the film medium is predisposed to recording Action that the Macho, Violent Man has so completely taken over the screen. "Violence," after all, is the most accessible of all action; even little kids can understand it. It's the lowest of the low common denominator in the

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ALAIN DELON

(Bo Hopkins)

Clark Gable shedding tradition and his shirt

GEORGE HAMILTON

Elliott Gould and Don Sutherland

Movies:

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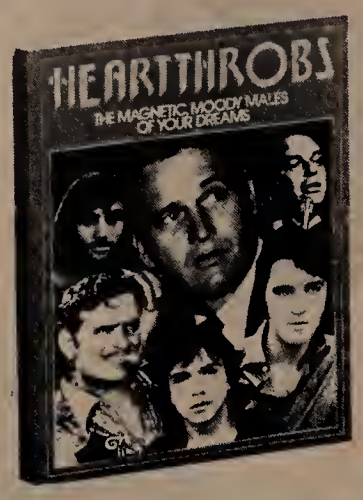
film's lexicon. Filmmakers are now almost monomaniacal in their pursuit of a single type of masculine star—and faggy types are not on their lists. (Interestingly, none of the new famous male stars in these violent TV shows and films is even rumored to be homosexual. You don't find the familiar gay screen stars—Rock Hudson, Tony Curtis, George Chikiris, Tony Perkins, Sal Mineo, etc.—as a part of these buddy-buddy teams. Newman, Redford, Hoffman, Voight are strictly straightola; their "private" lives have to be up-front in these days of public scrutiny.) All the recent film fads, from the black shoot-em-ups of 1973 and early 1974 to the Bruce Lee Kung-Fu epics follow this trend in form.

Sport stars like Cleveland Browns back Jim Brown a film star?

It's a natural. When movies start pushing Macho Violent Masculinity to the virtual exclusion of all other kinds of masculine behaviour, why not raid those professions which have already established that kind of gender perversion as "normal." Hence, machismo spreads its filthy influence into other domains.

No longer will the screen accept the extraordinary talents of a multi-faceted genius like Orson Welles or Paul Muni or a Charles Laughton. Male stars of today have to look grim, swing fists, and radiate the detached sexuality characteristic of their pathological aggression. "Sure you can act kid, but how can you handle a sawed-off shotgun?"

Today's males in the movies have a relaxed and casual relation with legal order: they never feel guilt. They have A Job To Do. They never repent. Sam Peckinpah is the most perfect representative of this unhealthy sensibility. If you really want to give an inside view of the American Macho Pathology in depth—beyond Manson, beyond Calley, beyond Nixon—run a festival of Peckinpah's films. This man smears carnage across the screen and calls it "entertainment"!



The syndrome that eliminated "character roles" for women (Thelma Ritter, Shirley Booth, Eve Arden, Arlene Francis, e.g.) and which then promoted single-characteristic sexuality for women in the 1950s (Monroe, Bardot, Mansfield, Van Doren etc.) began its similar operation on men in the '60s. What we're left with is an overwhelming predominance of masculine illusions which promote a simplistic and simple-minded view of how men shown live in society. They advertise dangerous notions about sexuality and gender behavior. This current trend promoting the Macho Male in combined repressed homosexual pairs for violent action to the exclusion of most other men is, I believe, both unrepresentative of any fair vision of our pluralistic society *(even* Southern California!) and is positively dangerous in that it will have longlasting and unpredictable damaging effects on the psyches of those many millions who are personally influenced and guided by the popular media.

FOCUS ON: BOSTON'S GAY YOUTH

by Zev Myerson
President, Boston Gay Youth

Why a gay youth group? There are many answers to that question. One of them is: Why not?

The gay community is well aware of the younger brothers and sisters, but often times fails to realize that they have their own particular problems. That is the major reason why Boston Gay Youth was formed.

BGY has two main purposes. One is social. To a youth who is just coming out, the mere thought that there are other gay people his/her own age is a tremendous boost to his/her own morale. It's a comfort to know that you are not the only one in your own age bracket who is gay. The other and most important purpose is counselling. The best source of support for a young gay person is a contemporary.

The gay youth faces a communications barrier with older gay people. It is difficult relating to common experiences of coming out as a young person to oneself and one's friends and relatives. For example, a youth just coming out is confused about his/her identity. He/she turns to an older person for help. This person might say: "Well, when *I* was coming out . . ." That's all well and good, to relate past experiences. We are all basically the same in that we have all come out. But that was then, and now is now. It is obvious that a 26-year-old who is coming out at 26 has a different per= spective on the process than a 16-year-old at 16. But it should be apparent that that same difference exists between a 26-year-old having come out ten years earlier and our contemporary 16-year-old coming out now.

Being gay and in high school presents many problems, the worst of which is having to hide sexual identity. To come out in school, one risks the possibility of harassment and rejection by peers and teachers. Though the problem of coming out to friends and associates can be traumatic at any age, it can be especially harsh for people of high school age, because of the strong peer identification and personal ties established at that time in someone's life. It's a miserable feeling to have to build a front and deny your own preference, to portray a different person. Many become ashamed of their homosexuality, and think it a sickness. Then there are those who are proud, and want it to be recognized as their lifestyle.

Parents play an important role in the gay youth's life. If one's parents don't know, how do you tell them? Do you tell them? Today's generation of parents is mixed. Some are very "liberal," and can accept their child's gayness. On the other hand, there are those who reject, scorn, disown, and in some cases physically eject a gay child from the family circle, from the home. Boston Gay Youth also serves to educate parents, not always directly, but most often indirectly. By meeting gay youths, their gay child's young friends, they can see that the old fearful stereotypes are largely fictitious; that gay people, young and old, come in as many varieties as straight people.

Adolescence is a difficult enough period in anyone's life. It is a time for self-definition and self-acceptance. But accepting oneself as gay during adolescence is an added burden.

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Elections: Gay Movement vs. *Status Quo*

by Kenneth J. Withers

With all the hoopla and falderall of election time we still have a lot of balderdash to cut through. We hear a lot these days of the great American two-party system, how Watergate somehow proves that it works (?) and how we can all make it work *for* us, this time, if we really try. "The government is no more than the people in it, and if we elected good people it would do good, if we elect bad people we can vote them out of office." That's what I learned in high school civics class.

Political parties, according to this view, fall into line. They can be good, if we work at it, or bad if we don't. It's all our fault. On September 12 there's even going to be a primary, to make the party idea even better.

Needless to say, I disagree with this view. I believe that the government, any government, owned and operated by a few powerful people, its purpose is not to solve problems in everybody's interest but rather to do whatever is necessary to keep the powerful people powerful and the rest of us out.

In Chile, this means a military dictatorship to keep people in line. In the United States, this is more subtle: clever politics, a few concessions here and there, backed up by Watergate-style dirty tricks and ultimately the power of police and armies.

Political parties are meant to co-opt people. Though few people are conscious of it, when they join a political party they agree to join this system. "Working with the System" or "Respecting the Two-Party System" are just slogans that mean *playing by the rules.* But the rules are stacked against us, and in favor of the powerful who made them.

Did you ever wonder why all those idealistic McGovern delegates had to vote down the Gay Rights plank in 1972 after they had *taken over* the Democratic Party and had nominated their *Good Man*? How about why liberal candidates have to come out against everything they ever stood for in order to win? –They say they have to play by the rules. It's like double-speak. To win, you have to lose. It doesn't make any sense.

But still, we'll all trundle off to the polls to elect the next loser, and they'll administer the government that will repress us. As Charlie Chaplin once said, "You can do whatever you like in this country, as long as you don't mind going to jail."

We can even choose the person who will beat us over the head. Everyone asks would you rather have a nice liberal beating you over the head or a nasty conservative beating you over the head. "What's the issue?"

Let us not despair. If we had a strong, vocal movement that could throw up picket lines in front of Jordan Marsh or hold press conferences with all sorts of well-known people, then the issue would not be liberal vs. conservative but rather how much time it would take to sign civil rights legislation. We wouldn't be praising some liberal because he (emphasis on the "he") was so nice to us; but we would be proud of ourselves for forcing him to see our demands.

This year, like every year, the election issues are not Democrat vs. Republican, but the Gay Movement vs. the *Status Quo.*

Cartoon by Mike Rubinstein

standards

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that, as it is "America first weekly Gay newspaper," it is not subject to minimal journalistic standards.

I find GCN a difficult paper to read in that in almost half the articles it is impossible to tell whether I am reading a news story, a news analysis, an editorial, or a feature. The only way I can be sure is that, when reading a well written article that uses the personal pronouns such as "I" or "we," it is probably a feature; a good article without such pronouns is a news story. For the other half of the newsprint, it's impossible to tell.

For example, in the August 17th issue [Vol. 2, No. 8], in the front page article on the Commission on Women, one would hope to find news. Instead it is a petty, personal statement that is unacceptable by the minimal standards of either news or features.

On the second page of that issue, there is a news analysis (I think, I'm never really sure) about Elaine Noble's campaign. Each story on Elaine has read like a hyped-up press release: something which must be embarrassing both to Ms. Noble's campaign and to the newspaper.

Finally, again in that [same] issue, I find John Mitzel's book review used as a platform for his anti-religion venom. I happen to share much of Mr. Mitzel's hostility towards Christianity. However, here we have a standard features format–the review–used as an article of pure opinion. This form of writing is acceptable only in a "Forum" format – an editorial or an oped article.

These are only the most recent examples. There are others.

This sort of sloppiness diminishes the stature of a paper which brings such good articles by Laura McMurray, Loretta Lotman, David Brill, and A. Nolder Gay–to name just a few.

I would like to see printed standards for each of the following–news, news analysis, features, forum or opinion, and reactions. Otherwise, I fear I will never be sure whether I am reading fact, fancy, or fact filtered through the lens of either analysis or feature. Please help out this avid reader!

Vincent Hoskinson

[News Editor replies: It is because of feedback from our readers that GCN has developed from a mimeographed newsletter to its present format. I have often sought out and always encouraged criticism from our readers so that I may be able to improve the news section as well as clear up difficulties folks may be having in reading the paper. However, we would never compromise our standards because we were the "first" or "only" weekly in America.

While all of your points are quite valid there is also a great deal of validity for the explanations of these sometimes frequent ana dometimes occasional boo boo's.

In future issues we will be initiating headlines, print and intros that will make it easier for the reader to distinguish what the hell she or he is reading.

The over-all problem seems to be our lack of volunteers. I frequently find myself involved in more work than is possible within time limitations or human capabilities. To try and alleviate this problem and encourage new volunteers to join the staff there will be several news writing seminars in late September. I hope this will make it easier for closeted Clark Kents and Lois Lanes to come-out!]

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BOOK REVIEW

THE FRONT RUNNER

by Vincent Hoskinson

The Front Runner by Patricia Nell Warren; William Morrow & Company. $7.95.

Patricia Nell Warren dedicates her new novel "to all the athletes who have fought for human rights in sports, and to the young gay runner who gave me the idea for this book." *The Front Runner* is a most readable, fetching story of gay love and pride told in a civil rights context: athletes' rights as well as gay rights.

Three runners have been thrown off a major university track team when their coach learns of their defiantly open gayness. One of them, Billy Sive, son of a prominent attorney working on a case for gay rights to come before the Supreme Court, finds out about Coach Harlan Brown through his father.

Brown, an uptight gay who himself had lost a prominent coaching position because of his homosexuality, now coaches at a small college that encourages individuals to develop their own skills and natural bents.

All three runners are preparing for the '76 Olympics. Yet, on the basis of their need for a tolerant and nurturing environment, they come to Harlan Brown's undistinguished team to be coached.

Billy Sive and Coach Brown become lovers. However, their love grows in a world which is openly hostile to them. They become gay celebrities as a result of a series of events and decisions that prompt them, even the reluctant Brown, to come out not only as gay athletes, but also as gay lovers.

However, as Billy increasingly becomes a gold medalist possibility, their challenge to the macho image of American athletics also increases and subsequently triggers a backlash of abuse.

Their story, told in Harlan Brown's words, is, on one level, a very entertaining tale which engages the reader in the day-to-day training of a track runner, with his struggles with his own too human body and with the omnipresent bureaucracy of the amateur sports world.

On another level, the fiction delves into social criticism, where human rights are fought for by people who choose to become martyrs but would rather choose – given a humane society–to be left alone to become themselves.

On still another level, the narrative reaches toward an allegory of the classic epic struggle between the hero and the vengeful social structure which he comes to humanize and save.

Though the plot and dialogue and liberation theme are occasionally expressed awkwardly, Ms. Warren writes a book that simultaneously tells a convincing and touching love story, introduces the reader into the fascinating details of competitive track, and brings into focus issues of gay liberation and athletes' rights.

To accomplish all this in one novel is quite an achievement and left this reader thoroughly moved, sometimes laughing with its fine humor, sometimes crying with its characters' loves, losses, triumphs and defeats.

Although the author (or at least the narrator, Brown) tends to identify liberation with that of athletic men, and tends to take a somewhat negative and conventional view of women and of effeminacy in men (we might label this the ancient Athenian fallacy), this is still a book well worth buying and reading.

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Dear Editor,

The Advocate, a gay newspaper published in Los Angeles, has been under heavy criticism in recent weeks because it has been publishing a two-line classified ad for the National Socialist League, apparently some sort of Neo-Nazi group based in L.A. Ironically, some of the criticism even comes from *Gay Community News* staff members and friends–people who condemned the *Boston Globe* for initially refusing to publish classified advertisements for both GCN and *The Advocate* earlier this summer.

Simply stated, one newspaper is criticized for refusing to publish ads for a controversial (in the eyes of many straight people) organization. Another newspaper is criticized for publishing ads for another [kind of] controversial organization. Such criticisms are contradictory. And it indicates a failure to understand fully the freedoms of expression and the press. A publisher's personal prejudices against National Socialism (which is often dangerously nationalistic and far from socialistic) should not deter the publisher from printing an ad for the NSL–just as a publisher's personal prejudices against homosexuality should not deter [the] printing of an ad for GCN.

The *Advocate* ad, printed under the overline "Nazi Anyone?" simply lists a mailing address for obtaining information about the NSL, and that's all. If the *Advocate* had refused to print that ad, the NSL would have been justified in presenting the same argument that GCN used when the *Globe* at first refused its ad. That is, the ad contained nothing objectionable (unless the term "Nazi" itself is objectionable), and a newspaper has no right to reject such patently legitimate advertising.

I praise the *Advocate* for its decision to publish this controversial ad. And I hope that GCN–if it ever finds itself in a similar situation–has the courage to place its regard for the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression above any political or social prejudice.

Sincerely,
Jack Armstrong
Cambridge

nazi ?

Dear GCN,

It was with great interest that I read the article entitled "P'town Listens" in this week's issue.

Having been raised in the Provincetown area, I am well aware of the public sex problem located near the base of the Bas Relief Monument. The townspeople have been upset with this situation for quite some time now.

The chief defense by the gay community concerning this problem seems to be that "many gay sivistors are staying with straight friends, lovers, or parents, and therefore cannot bring sexual partners into their rooms." To me this appears to be a rather shallow defense; almost amusing. Why is it a problem solely with male homosexuals? I have yet to hear of similar incidents involving lesbians. Certainly females have meeting problems, yet they manage to find something less public! Why must gay males resort to public grounds for sex?

Provincetown is one of the few places where gays are treated as equals; where they can be free to be themselves.

To me, having sex on open public property, where neighbors and visitors are disturbed, is not my idea of showing thanks. Rather it is taking a vast majority of acceptance and trying to alienate it.

Nor do I think moving the cruising area to another location is an adequate solution. The gay community should be responsible enough to attempt to totally eliminate the problem and thereby bring the community back into unity once again. Perhaps gay males should contact a few lesbians and ask what they do for meeting places.

I am speaking not as some "up in arms" heterosexual, but as a concerned lesbian who doesn't want to pick up a newspaper and read about gays receiving criminal records for such a needless offense.

Thanks for listening,
Michelle Adrian

P.S.–The paper is great.

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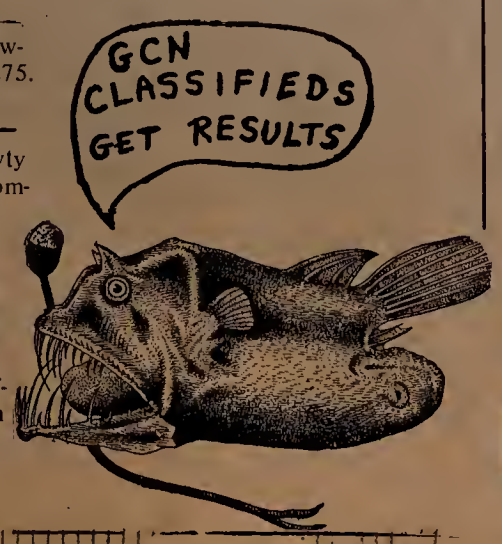

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PAINTING/DRAWING/ART HIST.
Individual instruction. Learn new ways of seeing. Gain studio confidence. Museum talks. Let's figure out what you want to learn. $3.00/hr. Call Larry at 617-876-9433.

BEGIN TO FLUTE
Patient, experienced flutist seeks beginning students who are serious about learning to play this cosmic instrument. Lessons very reasonable. Bob, 536-2502.

COUNSELING TRAINING
The Para-Professional Counselor Training Program (an affiliate of Homophile Community Health Service) is now interviewing applicants for evening classes beginning Sept. 12. Training includes both didactic sessions and clinical experience. For information call Lee Emord at 536-2232 or leave message for Graham at 427-4725.

jobs offered

GCN needs folders every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00. It's fun. Come help!!

TYPIST, M/F, must be EXTRAORDINARILY ACCURATE. About 5 weeks work typing manuscript, somewhat technical, on my IBM Selectric. Don't apply, please, if you can't spell or follow copy. State salary/hour and details with phone. GCN Box 177.

ASSISTANT TO FEATURES EDITOR NEEDED! Assistant to Feature Editor/GCN–Volunteer part-time position to include assisting features editor in all phases of department including: reviewing manuscripts, soliciting writers' submissions, etc.–will entail clerical duties (fair amount) also, and assisting in organizing the features department.

LAY-OUT MANAGER
Lay-out manager for GCN, part-time position, presently volunteer. Experience in lay-out preferred as position is responsible for overall lay-out of the paper. Responsible person only. For more information call 426-4469.

A major liberal Church, Boston, seeks Director, Office of Gay Concerns. Administrative, interpersonal, communication and educational skills. Salary approximately $12,000 per year. Resume to UUGC, GCN Box 1000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

The Fenway Community Health Center needs a volunteer lab technician for Wednesday night–Gay Health Night. Lab tests include gram stain, RPRs, cultures, and drawing blood. Contact Jim DeMauro at FCHS, Tel. 267-7573.

ATTENDANTS WANTED
I am seeking full-time attendants for Boston's Club Baths. Applicant must be over 21 and previous jobs dealing with public. Salary and hours are flexible. Apply Manager, Club LaGrange, 4 LaGrange St., 426-1451.

FUNDRAISING – GCN
People able to help in fundraising (time, ideas, legwork)!!! We now have a coordinator and want to begin actively searching out funds. If you can help in any way, please write Joe Demaios At GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call and leave your name and number for Joe at the GCN office, 426-4469.

GCN needs writers, particularly in relation to the "Features" section. We want to print what you want as a gay community. Let us know your ideas, criticisms, send your manuscripts, and help us meet your needs. Send your ideas or submissions to Features Editor, GCN.

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CAST CALL
Open auditions for gay radio soap opera. Some performing experience preferred. Reply GCN Box 156.

GCN desperately needs someone with car to do some distribution Tues. afternoon or evening. Commission. Help your community. Call GCN, 426-4469. Leave note for Marion.

"Closet Space" needs a few good women & men to work on the world's only "Gay Magazine on Radio." News, interviews, research, plays, performers—all are open areas for people to put their energies on the air, behind the scenes, or engineering—come join us! Call Gay Media Action or write to Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02139 or write GCN Box 5000.

organizations

Worcester Gays come out. Join us at 82 Franklin St., third floor. M&F welcome. For further info., write W.G.U., Box 359, Fed. Sta., Worcester, Ma. 01601.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH meets for worship every Sunday at 6:45 p.m., 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Fellowship hour 8:15 p.m. Rev. Lawrence Bernier and Rev. Nancy Wilson, pastors. All persons are welcome. Telephone 523-7664.

pen pals

WRITE TO A PRISONER:
I'd like an opportunity to communicate with other people. I am a black male into sports. Terry Jones, 13-1106, 034341, Box 747, Starke, Fla.

PRISONER NEEDS PEN PALS:
Black male, not gay, 23 years, needs people to write to. I've been here 5 depressing years. Please write. Bobby Bryant, P.O. Box 747, Starke, Florida 32091.

Hello,
I am 19 years, black male, Aquarius, in prison. Would appreciate your letters. Will reply to all. Thanks. Ronnie Bruce, 036340, P. O. Box 747, Starke, Florida 32091.

IT'S LONELY IN HERE
Gay man, 24, blond hair, blue eyes, 150 lbs. In Federal prison hospital. Wants to correspond with other gays. Will answer all letters. Milton Milburn, 11739-116; 10-A-1; P. O. Box 4000, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

personals

WHEN WILL WE BE FREE?
Not til each gay person does her/his part. If you don't have time to donate, please help with money. Several worthy groups need help: GCN, Health Service, Gay Media Action, HUB, to name a few. Guarantee a free future for you.

WORC. MASS. GWM 25 5' 10"
I love the ocean in the rain. Walks in sunny meadows and just holding each other. Sex is a beautiful thing but one needs love for mind and soul also. I need both. I am so tired of looking. Are you? Please write GCN Box 190.

W/M 40 YRS. ROSL. HYDE PARK.
wld like to meet gay or bi male in area. I am clean good body 6'2" 200 pnds. Very straight aper. U must be discreet & clean; no hassles. Will ans all. Enclose tel & interesting pic to GCN Box 189.

GF SEEKS FRIENDSHIP
GF 30+ desires friends 30+. I am professional woman. No gamcplayers please. Fram. or Natick area. Where is everyone? Please write GCN Box 188.

Fred, letter received. Would like to hear from you. Call met at 1-535-0680 Mon-Fri after 6 p.m. Peace. Box 178.

NORTH WORCESTER CNTY GAYS
Come out to join us! at our general meeting every other Wednesday at 8. M & F welcome. For more info write H.V.M., P.O. Box F-5, Leominster, Mass.

MASCULINE MAN LKNG FOR SAME
who feels he is ready to relate on one to one basis. I'm 40, look & think early 30s, live in Bstn, considered good looking, heavily endowed, tired of phoney bar scenes, need no synthetics (smoke, poppers, booze) to make love. Relate with man who has similar qualities, secure in his gayness, over 30, can show tenderness & who needs love. Have had lover for 8 yrs & know where my head & heart is at. You can be a president of a large firm or a truck driver—it is you that counts. Should look straight as I & be able to appreciate my good points as well as faults. I can do the same. If intersted, let's get together. GCN Box 181.

MARGIE
Are you in Boston area? Miss you. Call me So. Shore 617-447-59 (your age plus 3 years). Happy belated birthday. Ribbet.

GCN GROUP CRUISE
Join us for the November 8th cruise. If you're a single, we will match you with a roommate if you want a double cabin. For more information write GCN, Box 9000.

Free vacation at my home in Vermont for friendly young male. Will arrange to pick you up. GCN Box 171.

GOOD GAY BUTTONS & BOOKS
The HCHS bookstore (Everybody's Autobiography) has a growing selection of good gay books. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6-9 p.m., 419 Boylston St., 4th floor; ring night bell 4 times.

LAST CALL!
GWM, 20s, 5'7", 120 lbs., want anything on two legs for infamous crimes against nature. Send particulars to GCN Box 156.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE YOU!!

FREE
Subscribe to GCN and get a free classified ad. See ad order form

NASHUA, N.H. AREA
GWM 26 5'6" 130 lbs. gd lkng seeks other GWM teens-20s who is clean, honest, sincere for lasting friendship and relationship. Send letter, photo and phone No.S&M fem, smoke or drugs, to GCN Box 183.

ATTY. QUINN IS AGAINST GAY RIGHTS!

DARE TO BE YOURSELF!!

TO "IN STRUGGLE"
Your letter of Aug. 17 hit so close to home, I could have written it myself. I am JWM 22 years old. Please write GCN Box 187. It could be that neither of us will have to be lonely anymore.

PROFESSIONAL MALE, BOSTON
I am 30, 5'8" 145 lbs. & wld like to meet sim. types 25-35 who are ser. minded. Int. in gd times & meeting a sinc. person also. Reply with descr. Your sinc. apprec. GCN Box 186.

BIRTHDAY?
Surprise your friends with a birthday classified in GCN.

LEATHER GEAR CATALOG
Handcrafted Custom Leather S&M, B&D Gear. Top quality, fast delivery. reasonable prices. Complete, illustrated CATALOG only $2.00 w/ name, address, Zip, and Age to: TANTALUS, P.O. Box 9052-G, Boston, MA 02114.

ICQ IF UR GWM ADVENTUROUS
Mature in mind, sensitive, not hung up sensuously aware, not weirdo, stable, not dull, in the arts, esp. painting, piano, poetry. Will share house if UR handy. Am mellow, intellectual not the usual. Phone No., please. GCN Box 184.

SINCERE LOVER SOUGHT
Executive, 30, seeks GWM under 25 for close personal relationship to lead to love. College ed. or good head most desirable. Photo. GCN Box 182

Everybody's Autobiography (the HCHS Bookstore) is now doing mail orders! For a list of mail order selections please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Everybody's Autobiography, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 403, Boston, Mass. 02116.

Step into the sun,
Step into the light."
from The Wizard of Oz

WANTED SALUBRIOUS FUCK
Distinguishcd gourmet desires sturdy yoeman to warm his buns and serve a magnificent and bountiful dinner. GCN Box 170.

ATTENTION BEAUTIFUL SNAKE
I'm glad the feeling is mutual. I hope it stays that way for a long time. Love always. Your Puppy.

CLARK KENT / LOIS LANE
Afraid to leave your writing closets? Don't think your writings quite good enough? Come in anyway and talk with Aunt Ellen—she will build up your confidence and sign you up for GCN's free NEWS WRITING seminars starting in mid or late Sept. Call 426-4469 or come in to GCN office at 22 Bromfield St. and see Ellen B. Davis or leave your name and number. Volunteer for a most rewarding experience!!!!

Persons interested in concrete activities for promoting a feminist and socialist consciousness in the gay movement are asked to call Ed Tynan (723-5779) or write c/o GCN.

ECO TIP:
White bread and white rice are more than just nutritionlcss; they are harmful, robbing needed vitamins from your body to digest the sticky paste it it causes in your digestive system. Try whole-grain foods. You'll enjoy the delicious taste, and your health will improve.

VOTE
Don't forget to vote in Boston on Sept. 10.

GWM interested in investing in gay business seasonal cottages rooms or any other type. GCN Box 171.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to my F.P. I'm so glad I can share it all with you. Much love, IBBBB

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE
2 yng, hunky, horny, exp GWMs, 1 act, 1 pass., seek others into grp sex. We guarantee satisfaction. Let us make you a Weeeo! GCN Box 166.

YOUNG GWM
would like to meet someone who could help finance purchase of a business property in historic Boston on Charles St. PO Box 9213, Boston 02114.

FALL RIVER AREA
GWM 27 5'4" 130, wishes to meet other white males in the area for social activities. GCN Box 191.

MILLIE,
to all those things
that were just mind imaginings
our love has just barely touched
a place that is only yet slightly recognizable.
LOVE, ELLEN

Do you still laminate your underarms with a layer of plastic? Your pores need to breathe. Natural odors are healthy and nothing to be ashamed of.

Congratulations to Jeanne and Paul Guzzi on the birth of your baby girl.

Dear Charlie, Babe,
We're already together in spirit. Soon I'll be in Leeds, and we'll pick apples together. Inner peace, Sat.

GWM 26 GD LKG MASC 6'2" 188 lbs, new to gay scene. Discreet. Bars not my bag. I travel Boston-NY-NJ-RI-Conn all month. Seek same to 35. No fems. Must be discreet. Will answer all who send photo, letter, phone. GCN Box 192.

NEW ENGLAND – NEW YORK
Gay male, academic, 29, with varied intellectual interests and the spirit for fun, travel, seeks to meet sincere gays who want to share interests and themselves. GCN Box 173.

All ads must be paid in advance. Make check ar maney order payable ta "Gay Cammunity News" ar "GCN."

Include area cade in all telephane numbers appearing in ad.

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Classified Ad Rates will be increased starting Sept. 1.

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GWM 45, 5-10, 200 lbs, virile, considered att, normally hung, looking for GWM 20-50 who enjoys the out of doors. Let's enjoy the outdoors this fall and winter on the Vineyard. Occupant, Box 588, Edgartown, Ma. 02539.

GWM 25 cleancut! lookng 4 similar GWM 17-25 4 roommate–no sex–luxury 2 bedroom 2 bath $50 week, hi rise near Pru. Pref student, no drugs, grass ok! R.C.J., P.O. 161, Astor 02123.

ATTN CRAFTSWOMEN!
We'll sell your crafts for you on a consignment basis at our soon to be store. If interested, send name, address, desc, prices, etc. to GCN Box 175.

Publications

KALENDAR MAGAZINE
A pictorial bi-monthly newspaper covering the San Francisco Bay Area. Subscription rate $8.00 a year. Send to Kalendar, P.O. Box 627, San Francisco, Calif. 94101.

DO YOU HAVE CHUTZPAH?
Subscribe to Chutzpah, radical Jewish newspaper, which includes and welcomes gay articles. Write: Chutzpah, P.O.B. 60142, 1723 W. Devon, Chicago, Ill. 60660.

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A Journal for lesbians, put out by Boston DOB. New, exciting format. 60c sample copy, $6.00 for 1 year. Send check to DOB, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston, MA 02116.

THE GAY ALTERNATIVE
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resorts

RESORTS
Newport, R.I., America's first resort. Nine beaches. Happy hour at David's Sundays 4-6 (28 Prospect Hill St. off Thames), Newport is America's most architecturally significant city (Smithsonian). Check it out.

roommates

Lesbian: Mission Hill, Museum & Univ. area, seeks same for 6 rm. apt. near trans. Approx. $80 mo. Box 527, Roxbury Crossing Station, Boston.

Looking for a responsible (gay) woman to share 2 bdrm Allston apt 82.50/mo. + util. Near trans. Chris, 787-4727 eves.

LESBIAN FEMINIST
mid 20s to sh 2 bdr Inman Sq. apt, own room part furn, conv to MTA, stores. $60 total. No pets, heavy drugs. Call 547-1852 eves. before 11.

I'd like to join a warm lesbian/feminist group or be joined by other responsible open lesbians to form a 3-4 bedroom home. Immediately & preferably in Cambridge. Kathy 776-0152 or 825-1619 eves.

GF needs 2 rmmtes to share house on Natick-Wellesley line. Own rms. Nice backyard. Avail imm. Tel. 655-4524 eve. 7-11. $135 incl. util.

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Gay law student arriving in Boston Sept. 1st seeks apartment (efficiency or 1 bedroom) or will share apartment or house. Can spend $120-$180/mo. It should be clean, neat, quiet, and in Back Bay area. You may call me collect (814) 724-8502 after 11 pm, or write GCN Box 164.

Gay professional male, 28, share 2 bdr apt, Beacon Hill, sunny, with M or F. Into maturity, quiet, friendliness, privacy. Call Vin (723-5626) 6-7 pm, 10¾30-11¾15 pm. Or write GCN Box 180. Comfortable apt. See it!

services

PICTURE FRAMING
Drymounting, all work professional. 536-3285.

"TRY ME"
Looking for something exotic, gay, well put together? If so, call Dick at the Green Leaf Florists, Boston's newest full service florist, for you. Phone 247-3500. Master Charge–BAC–Carte Blanche acc.

ASTROLOGICAL CHARTS
cast and interpreted by gay male with emphasis on one's unique direction in life. An aid in the struggle of finding out what this life is "all about." Basic chart plus aspects $12. Transits extra. Classes with emphasis on learning to interpret one's own chart. Call 241-8357, or leave message for Ian at 426-4469.

JIMMY OLSEN OR HIS FEMALE COUNTERPART – GCN NEWS DEPT. needs and wants all budding cub reporters to join the best, friendliest, and nicest dept. on the paper. We will help you bloom into a full fledged news reporter when you attend our free news writing seminars in mid or late Sept. Get in touch with Ellen B. at GCN. No pay but lots of love!!!

TYPESETTING for GAY COMMUNITY
Use our facilities (IBM Composer) to produce your booklet or publication. Good rates. (We are GCN's typesetter.) Write: GCN Box 69.

PENCIL PORTRAITS
Reasonable fee for drawing. Done with care and perception. Call James (617) 776-6597.

TRAVEL
For all your airline tickets, tours, places to go. Contact Camelot Travel, Springfield, Mass.

BROKEN APPLIANCES?
Before you buy a new one see if it can be fixed! Most minor electric appliances and some major. Low costs. All you do is drop it off and pick it up. If interested call 242-1965 eves and ask for Larry.

wanted

Need sleeping bag(s). The kind that zip together. Call (617) 227-5667.

COLLEGE SUPPLEMENT upcoming. Articles and suggestions needed immediately. Contact Nancy Burnett at GCN. Write 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call 426-4469.

miscellaneous

EAST CONN. GAYS, BIs, UNDECIDED
Gay Alliance Group for East Conn. being organized. Would like to hear from people who would participate & help activate group. Dare to accept yourself totally and find others to share your beliefs with. Call 889-7530 after 6 pm.

HOW ABOUT A CRUISE

GCN is sponsoring a group cruise Nov. 8th / 8 days

New York- St. Thomas- San Juan

Cruise is aboard the Maxim Gorki Russian Registry.

Send in for Brochure
Name:_____
Address:_____
☐ Enclosing $50 deposit per person to reserve cabin.

$312 minimum per person. (double occupancy)

For further information call or write: BEACON TOURS (617) 742-1220 or GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Box 9000

HOW FAR SHOULD THE GAY COMMUNITY GO?

It should go beyond our usual meeting places and into every part of our lives Gay people helping other gay people. Many Gay people prefer taking their needs to other gays because they can help a brother or a sister and at the same time be treated with warmth and courtesy. But the only way they find other gays, who may have what they need, is through GCN. Gay professionals business people, and shop owners who have advertised with GCN have all thanked us for the substantial boost GCN has given to their business.

If you are a professional or business person, the time to begin your display advertising is NOW. Phenomenal rising costs have forced us to raise our rates (that for some space specifications will be 50%), effective September 1, 1974. HOWEVER, you can still take out contracts at the current rates for as long as you want – the lowest rates anywhere in Boston.

Contact: Advertising Dept. GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, or phone 426-4469

The following is a list of past Forum topics. We'd like your opinions and suggestions. Please fill in lines below, clip on dotted line and staple to a postcard addressed to: Features Editor, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Which Forums interested you?

Which would you like to see more on?

Other topics you would like to see covered:

(Please include your name and phone if you would be interested in writing on any of these topics.)

THE POLITICS OF FAGGOT (Oct. 27, 1973). What are your feelings on the use of the term faggot by gay people?
BISEXUALITY (Nov. 10, 1973). What are your thoughts on bisexuality?
THE POLITICS OF FAGGOT": Responses (Nov. 17, 1973)
GAYS AND RELIGION (Nov. 24, 1973). How is organized religion of value to the gay person?
GAY COMMUNITY (Dec. 1, 1973).
BISEXUALITY: Responses (Dec. 8, 1973).
THE BARS (Dec. 15, 1973). What is the place of the gay bar in the community?
GAY IS . . . (Jan. 12, 1974).
GRAFFITI (Jan. 26, 1974).
THE GAY WOMAN (Feb. 9, 1974). How does the oppression of being a woman make the Lesbian experience unique from the gay man's?
THE GAY MALE (Feb. 16, 1974). What is unique about the gay male experience?
SEXISM No. 1 (Feb. 23, 1974). Do you see gay men as being oppressive of gay women?
SEXISM No. 2 (March 2, 1974). Do you see gay women as being oppressive of gay men?
SEPARATISM (March 9, 1974). What are your thoughts on the philosophy of lesbian separatism from all men – including gay men.
AN OPINION: Hustling (March 23, 1974).
TRANSSEXOPHOBIA: Old Arguments Against New People (April 6, 1974).
GAY PRIDE PARADE PLANS (June 8, 1974). What is your opinion on "drag" dress in the parade?
BISEXUALITY (June 15, 1974).

The Gay Cruise-Aider

back issues

A limited number of back issues of GCN, containing previous installments of the GAY CRUISE-AIDER, are available at 35 cents each (entire series of 5 parts for $1.50) All mailed in a sealed envelope. Specifiy which issue(s) you want:

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COMING... Aug 28 thru Sept 16

28 wed

The Waltham-Watertown Gay Group will hold a pot-luck supper tonight at 7:30 pm. Belmont, Newton and other western suburban gays are urged to attend too. Bring food and/or drink to share. Call 926-5739 for details.

29 thurs

Movie Benefit for HUB at the Charles St. Meetinghouse 8:00. Featuring The Marx Brothers in "This Is War," Laurel and Hardy, The Little Rascals, Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein, and more. See you there.

30 fri

A concert will be held tonight at 8 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, for the benefit of *Concert '74: An Amazon Expedition.* Featured performers will be Purple Honey, consisting of Martha and Lucy, a pair of lesbian-feminist singer/song writers, accompanying themselves on the guitar and flute respectively. Suggested donation at the door will be $2. An event by and *for* women.

2 mon

See Elaine Run, an in depth look at the campaign, organization, and strategy of Elaine Noble, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the Sixth Suffolk District of Massachusetts, will be aired tonight at 9:30 pm on WTBS-TV, 88.1 Mc on your radio dial.

3 tues

An open discussion will be held tonight on alcoholism services to the gay community at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Group will meet at 7 pm. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Channel 44, WGBX-TV, Boston, will rebroadcast the Dignity *Catch 44* program tonight at 9 pm. This program, first aired on July 3 of this year, is shared by members of both the Boston and National chapters of Dignity.

Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) has expanded its hotline service to cover from 9 am to 9 pm. HCHS is a non-profit mental health clinic primarily for gay people and their families and friends. They offer both individual and group counseling as well as telephone service. The Health Service is seeking volunteers for training and experience in their expanded hotline. Training consists of 2 hour lecture-discussions for 4 weeks, on-going in-service training follows. Prior experience in crisis intervention, short term counseling, or phone counseling is desirable. For interview, call Steve at 266-5477 between 2 and 4 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

4 wed

Plaingay meeting, 8:00. Call 524-6417 for more info.

5 thurs

Tonight's weekly films at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, will be for the benefit of our old friend GCN. Films are in 8mm Super, and mostly sound. Tonight's program will include: *Abbott & Costello meet Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde, The Thing,* Charlie Chaplin's *Laughing Gas, The Deadly Mantis,* and several other laughable and/or blood curdling featurettes. Screening will begin at 8 pm. Donation, whatever you can afford.

7 sat

Active Gays will hold their September brunch today at 11 am at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. All persons with any ideas to contribute are urged to attend.

8 sun

Dignity's regular monthly meeting will be held today at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be preceded by a Mass in the upper church. Your support is needed to continue the growth already started.

16 mon

A public access editorial featuring GCN's publisher, Linda Lachman, in rebuttal to the lurid series of articles on gay bars printed by William Loeb in the *Manchester Union Leader* will be aired on WNAC-TV, Channel 7 Boston, at various times during the day beginning today and continuing intermittently through the next two weeks. (See GCN Vol. 2 No. 9 for details of the Loeb venom.)

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, by midnight on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

everyweek

WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm–Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide
7:00 pm–Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.
7-10 pm–MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St. Providence
7:30 pm–DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00–Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm–Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

10:00 am–Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
8:00 pm–DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm–Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
9:00 pm–Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
12M-3 am–MCC Providence Coffee House
Evenings–Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm–Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm–Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:30 pm–B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
1 am-5 am–MCC Providence Coffee House

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm–Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm–Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
1 am-5 am–MCC Providence Coffee House
3:00 pm–Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

SUNDAYS

10:30 am–Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
1:00 pm–DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm–Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495
4:00 pm–MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm–Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm–MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm–MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3733
7:30 pm–MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm–Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
12M-3 am–MCC Providence Coffee House

MONDAYS

7:00-10:00 pm–Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm–MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
8:00 pm–Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm–Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
7:00 pm–Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm–DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm–Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)
7:30 pm–MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.

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BOSTON AREA (area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group	864-8181
Boston Gay Youth	536-6197
Boston College Homophile Union	734-7223
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group)	265-6409
Cambridge Women's Center	354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM)	492-6450
Daughters Of Bilitis	262-1592
Dignity/Boston c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215	
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108	
Fag Rag	536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center	267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund	267-0516
Gay Academic Union c/o DOB, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116	
Gay Alert	523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News	426-4469
Gay Media Action	868-5729
Gay Nurses Alliance	232-6323
Gay People of UMass/Boston	287-1900x3236
Gay SpeakersBureau	547-1451
Gay Hotline (9 am to 9 pm)	266-5477
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM)	353-2790
Gender Identity Service	864-8181
Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.)	738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service	266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston	536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM)	266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center)	354-8807
Lesbian Mothers	354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project	354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League	494-8227
National Organization for Women	267-6160
Project Place	267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764
Unitarian Gay Caucus	282-4977

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330

WESTERN MASS. (AC 413)

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay In Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656
MCC Hartford 522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575
Women's Liberation Center Hartford 523-8949

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261 (Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group)
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Church P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
Gay Liberation Front, c/o General Delivery, Calais 04619
Gay Rights Organization, (GRO), Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland 04114
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo
Lewiston Gays, c/o D. Courteau, 76 Nichols St., Lewiston 04240
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis Passamaquoddy Library Pleasant Point, 04667